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1. On 3 May 1950 Mayanov, senior Soviet military adviser, arrived in Canton and was billeted at the Oi Kwan hotel.* On 5 May he inspected White Cloud Mountain and the harbor at Whampoa, accompanied by YEH Chien-ying; HSIAO Hsiang-jung (蕭向榮), chairman of the Political Department of the 15 Army Group; FANG Ch'iang, commander of the 44 Army**; and CH'EN Wei-shih, vice president of Nan Fang University***. On 12 May Mayanov headed a group of 7 Soviets and 22 Chinese on an inspection tour of Hainan, traveling by way of Sanshui (112-54, 23-08). His mission in Canton was believed to include the inspection of Yulin, the reconditioning of railways, and naval and air bases on Hainan Island, and the direction of the Chinese Communist occupation of the Wanshan (Ladrone) Islands.
2. On 15 May 1950 more than one hundred personnel of the 3 Maintenance Group of the Chinese Communist Air Force Headquarters arrived in Canton from Hankow by train, and were quartered at White Cloud and T'ienho Airfields. Under Soviet advisers, the Chinese are constructing ground installations and claim that a large number of Chinese Communist planes will soon arrive from Shanghai and Hankow.
3. Soviet engineers are directing the digging of caves for the storage of military supplies and aviation equipment on the premises of the former Chung Cheng (中正) Primary School at Whampoa, and in the vicinity of Shihp'ai (113-20, 23-07). One hundred workers are employed on the project.

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